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OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL BILLS CHARGED TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS ARE TARGET OF NEW INVESTIGATION BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DATE AND TIME: Today at Noon

LOCATION: City Attorney's Office
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620
Downtown San Diego

Enterprise Funds are generated by taxpayers who pay millions of dollars in fees for services such as water and sewer. These funds are required to be used on projects and services that benefit the particular departments.

By his investigation, City Attorney Michael Aguirre wants to ensure that outside legal counsel services are not being inappropriately billed to enterprise-funded departments.

On April 10, 2006, the City Attorney asked the San Diego County Grand Jury to investigate the City's practice of using enterprise funds to pay for the consulting work of Kroll, Inc, and its legal counsel Willkie Farr. In 2005, the firms were hired to reconcile two separate investigative reports into alleged illegal acts by City officials involving the City's pension plan and its financial disclosure practices.

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